

Minutes

Talbot County Board of Elections
215 Bay Street
Easton, MD 21601
May 11, 2022

Present:

Board Members Present

Joseph H. Secrist, President	(R)
Walter Black	(D)
Richard Bulman	(R)
Wadella Thomas	(R)
Susan MacKinnon	(D)

Staff

Dionne Church, Election Director

A special meeting of the Talbot County Board of Elections was held on May 11, 2022 in Conference Room # Two at the Board office indicated above. Mr. Secrist called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM and noted that a quorum was present.

Mr. Secrist noted that the purpose of this meeting was to discuss the upcoming vacancy in the position of Talbot County Election Director. He asked if there were any other agenda items to consider. Ms. Church noted that her duties as Wicomico County Election Director start on May 18, 2022 and the Wicomico County Board of Elections will meet that morning, making it impossible to be available to participate in the Talbot County Board of Elections meeting at the same time. She suggested the Talbot County Board consider changing its meeting time for it's May 18, 2022 meeting to later in the day when she could be available. Mr. Secrist added this item to the agenda.

Talbot County Election Director Vacancy

Ms. MacKinnon for further clarification of the purpose of the meeting. Mr. Secrist stated that in situations where a recently hired individual leaves the position shortly after being hired, the procedures allow for consideration of other candidates who were previously interviewed but not selected without readvertising the vacancy. He asked Ms. Church to further explain the state personnel policy in such situations. Ms. Church elaborated on the policy and responded to questions from Board Members.

Closed Session

Ms. MacKinnon moved that the Board go into closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters that affect one or more specific individuals as permitted

under General Provisions Art. 3-305(b) (1). Mr. Black seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. Whereupon the Board went into closed session at 10:03 AM. Present at this session were Board Members Mr. Secrist, Mr. Black, Ms. Thomas, Ms. MacKinnon and Mr. Bulman and Election Director Ms. Church.

At 10:08 AM. the Board returned to open session. President Secrist reported that the Board met with a candidate for the position of Election Director and approved the selection of this individual for the position. During the closed session Board Members spoke with Ms. Shermaine Malcolm of the State Board of Elections staff via telephone call. The Board also approved the minutes of the closed session held on April 20, 2022.

Change of Board Meeting Time for May 18, 2022

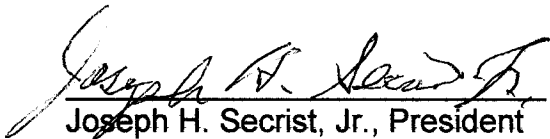
Ms. MacKinnon moved that the start of the Board Meeting on May 18, 2022 be changed from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Ms. Thomas and passed unanimously.

Ms. Church reported that the Election Board requested budget for FY 23 was approved by the County Council for inclusion in the County Council's proposed budget. Most funds for the Primary Election included in this year's approved budget will not be spent due to the movement of the election from this year to next budget year by court order. These funds will be available next year.

Adjournment

Mr. Black moved adjournment of the meeting. Mr. Bulman seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Attested,


Joseph H. Secrist, Jr., President

Respectfully submitted,


Richard B. Bulman, Secretary